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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: SALMON TALKS AND POSSIBLE EXPIRY
OF RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT

SUMMARY: UNSUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF SEATTLE SALMON TALKS
AND THREAT OF JUNE 15 EXPIRY OF US- CANADA RECIPROCAL
FISHERIES AGREEMENT WERE RAISED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS
MAY 11 BY HOWARD AND BARNETT, NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY
MEMBERS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA. GOC MADE NO STATEMENT
IN HOUSE. OFFICIALS RETURNING FROM SEATTLE STRESSED
TO US SERIOUSNESS OF DIFFERENCES AND NEED FOR TWO
GOVERNMENTS PROMPTLY TO CONSULT IN VIEW OF RISKS
INHERENT IN EXPIRY OF AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. REFERRING TO APPREHENSION AMONG FISHERMEN AND
THREAT OF " CHAOS" IN INDUSTRY IF RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT
EXPIRES, HOWARD CALLED FOR STATEMENT ON
QUESTION BY EXTAFF SECRETARY SHARP. BARNETT, FOR HIS
PART, UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT UNANIMOUS CONSENT FOR
MOTION (A) REAFFIRMING DESIRABILITY OF CANADA- US
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COOPERATION IN ALL FISHERIES MATTERS, (B) CALLING FOR
" RECOGNITION BY BOTH COUNTRIES OF EACH OTHER' S PRIOR
RIGHT TO ALL FISH STOCKS OF ITS CURRENTLY DECLARED
FISHING ZONES, TERRITORIAL SEAS AND OF SALMON
ORIGINATING IN ITS RIVERS " AND (C) CONTINUING BILATERAL
AGREEMENT" PROVIDING FOR EQUITABLE DIVISION OF
INTERCEPTED CATCH."

2. GOC OFFICIALS RETURNED FROM SEATTLE TIRED AND
DISCOURAGED BUT STILL EXPRESSING TO US HOPE BILATERAL TALKS
LATE THIS MONTH, POSSIBLY IN OTTAWA, MIGHT AFFORD
BASIS FOR CONTINUING RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT. (PERHAPS
WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING ON SALMON.) OFFICIALS STRESSED
IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES WITH USG, SERIOUSNESS OF
SITUATION THAT WOULD BE CREATED BY EXPIRY OF AGREEMENT,
AND SPECIAL RISKS OF " FISH WAR" AS PRELUDE TO LAW OF
SEA CONFERENCE.
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